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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing - Richard Perle, staff of Senate Governmental Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

1. Richard Perle called 11:30 a.m.

2. Request: Classified briefing tomorrow morning for himself and one or two other Committee staffers with requisite clearances on transfer of technology to the Soviet Union.

3. Background: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (Chaired by Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.)), of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chaired by Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.)), is undertaking an urgent investigation of sale to Soviet Union of a plant to manufacture drill bits [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Perle claims he has the files on the sale of the key Government agencies recommending approval of the export license. Perle's tentative position is that: CIA's position was not given serious consideration in approval of the license, but he admits he is not precisely sure what CIA's position was. Specifically, tomorrow a.m. he would like to meet with the appropriate CIA analysts who worked on this problem. Perle's interest centers on the technical data that will be transferred and the electron beam welder. They are looking into such additional areas as foreign availability of this technology/possible diversion by Soviets to other applications and how this decision was handled within the Executive Branch (when) and the role of the various participants.

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4. Recommendation:

A. That we undertake immediately to determine, with the assistance of the involved Government agencies, that indeed they have been tasked and responded to requests from Subcommittee.

B. That we determine if the furnishing of our advisory position to the export control body is an inappropriate impingement upon the integrity of the Executive process.

C. That based upon the above we appropriately provide a briefing limited to our intelligence judgment.



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